



Today, we will have one main coach and a feeder coach. The rendezvous point is Barnoldswick, and the comfort stop is Leeming Bar. Richmond is the farthest point we go in this direction so the journey will be long. There is one drop-off point at Nuns Close car park Richmond. In RICHMOND let the WALKERS OFF FIRST please as some have long walks. Self-guided walkers and day visitors OFF SECOND and they must use the official drop-off point. Be on time for the return journey please. TRAVEL INFORMATION - It would be appreciated if we all sit down quickly after getting on the coach AND make the comfort stop a quick visit (this, in theory, is just a brief stop).

## WALKS INFORMATION FOR RICHMOND

**On the walks** -- You must not walk in front of the leader. There may be safety instructions during the walk which you need to be aware of. The Leaders pioneer and risk assess each route, but their experience may mean they need to respond to changes on the day and you must be able to hear their instructions. The walk leaders determine the walking pace (B will be faster than C) and make sure ramblers have plenty of time at the end of the walk to enjoy the destination. **At the comfort stop please ask the leaders about their walks if you are unsure which ramble to select. The short D walk does not mean this will be the first group back in Richmond as this walk is at the slowest pace! PLEASE REMAIN WITH THE LEADER UNTIL THE END OF THE WALK AT THE COACH AND/OR ALL WALKERS IN YOUR GROUP HAVE ALSO COMPLETED THE WALK AND BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR. 'We start our walks together and we finish our walks together please.**

### A WALK LEADER: TONY CULVERHOUSE 11.5 MILES STRENUOUS

We leave the coach at Nuns Close car park for a town tour of Richmond before heading south-east across fields to Easby Abbey. Then a loop north is followed to the River Swale passing Richmond Castle. Continuing along the river the route then goes through National Trust Hudswell Woods before the river is crossed. A road and track is taken to Whitcliffe Wood which lies between the South east section of Whitcliffe Scar and the River Swale. The River Swale is followed to the Coast-to-Coast Trail. The Coast-to-Coast path is not actually a path in its own right, but a network of paths created by Alfred Wainwright. Next is a road looping north to Deep Dale (Deep Dale Tree) and a footpath along Whitcliffe Scar with great views of Swaledale. There are a good number of stiles on this walk before the final descent to Richmond.

### B WALK LEADER: MICHAEL COUNTER 9+ MILES MODERATE

We alight the coach in Richmond and set off through the market square and descend to the cross the River Swale. A riverside path is now traversed upstream to cross the river again at the footbridge. The route then heads towards Applegarth across open meadows, before we have a steep road walk to the top of Deep Dale. The ridge is now followed, passing Willance's Leap Memorial and then it's across level moorland and woodland paths to reach Coalsgarth Gate. We now follow the route down the valley heading towards Low Moor and the old Richmond racecourse. The final journey is urban back into Richmond. *ONE STEEP CLIMB.*

### C WALK LEADER: CAROL HIGGINS 8+ MILES MODERATE WITH STILES

This is a delightful walk that takes us through countryside and along the river Swale and Gilling Beck. Our walk commences with a woodland walk out to the ruins of Easby Abbey before we head on to Skeeby, a village mentioned in the Domesday Book. Far reaching views (hopefully the weather will be kind to us) are in abundance as we follow well-trod field paths and tracks and across fields of cereal crops. Passing through our most northerly village of the walk, Gilling West, we arrive at the home of the Marquess of Zetland, Aske Hall. Finally, turning south, we head back to Richmond through another small woodland and across fields. Although there is a steady incline on our outward journey it is on the whole gentle and not too taxing. *There are 8 stiles in total and 4 squeeze stiles on our homeward section.*

### D WALK LEADER: FRANK MASON 6 MILES FAIRLY EASY

We proceed to the interesting Market Square and downhill to the old railway station- now a leisure complex. The route then follows a disused railway track for a short distance then we take a tarmac path to Woodhouse Farm. After walking across some fields we arrive at a small wood then on to the ruins of Hagg Farm (a few boulders). We then enter a wood to walk along the banks of the River Swale to Iron Banks and onto the railway track again. Turning right we journey on to a bridge across the River Swale and now follow a riverside path to Easby Abbey and St Agatha's Church. After exploring this area for a short time we continue along the river bank to the Little Drummer Boy stone and near the old railway station once more. The way back from here involves a steep climb up into Richmond and the coach park.

**RETURN JOURNEY** - We have a long journey home! Please be at the car park for 5:45pm. It is a 10-minute walk from the castle. The coach will leave at 6.00pm prompt from Nuns Close car park, Hurgill Road, Richmond, DL10 4AP Grid Reference NZ167011 What3Words ///videos.backyards.teeth Please arrive 15 minutes early and be settled in your seats by 5.55pm. The rendezvous with the feeder coach is Barnoldswick.